

POLICY STATEMENT

TENNESSEE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINATION

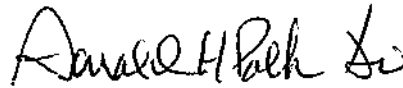
PRACTICING ON A LAPSED LICENSE

The Board of Osteopathic Examination recognizes that an individual may inadvertently allow his/her license to lapse/expire. However, it is unlawful for an individual to practice medicine unless he/she has an active license. While the Board does not condone an individual working on an expired license, recognition is given to the fact that the problem does exist. As such, the Board has adopted the following procedures for reinstatement of an expired license:

- Immediately upon recognition that his/her license has expired, the individual must stop practicing and contact the Board's administrative office to request a reinstatement application.
- Upon receipt of the reinstatement application, the individual is to complete the application in its entirety, providing a detailed work history, including duties performed, since the license expiration date. The application is to be signed, notarized, and returned to the Board's administrative office along with any additional information required for the application along with applicable fees.
- Upon receipt of a completed reinstatement application, supporting documentation, (including any required proof of continuing education), and the applicant's payment of all fees, the Board's administrative office may reinstate a license, which has been in expired status for less than thirty (30) calendar days upon approval from the Board's medical consultant. Although the Board and its administrative staff recognize the applicant's urgent interest in having his/her license reinstated, preferential treatment will not be given to these applicants. All applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received.
- If the work history accompanying the reinstatement application reflects that the individual has worked in excess of thirty (30) calendar days on an expired license, the Board will present to the licensee an Agreed Citation which specifies payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 per month for every month at least thirty (30) calendar days after the expiration date in which the individual has worked at least one day. The individual's license will not be reinstated unless and until these conditions are met.
- The licensee shall be notified that all Agreed Citations prepared in accordance with this policy shall be reportable on the Department of Health's website, its disciplinary action report issued in the month the action is taken and to all appropriate federal databanks including the National Practitioner Data Bank.

- This remedy is only available to those physicians who have worked on an expired license for less than six (6) months from the date the license went into expired status.
- If the licensee refused to execute the Agreed Citation and remit the civil penalty described therein within sixty (60) days of the date of the Agreed Citation, the licensee shall be referred to the Office of Investigations and the Office of General Counsel for formal disciplinary action.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINATION THIS 4th DAY OF MARCH 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald H. Polk, D.O.", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald H. Polk, D.O., President
Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination